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September 8, 1998

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
1919 M St. NW
Room 222
Washington DC 20554
Attn. R.M. 9335

To Whom It May Concern:

As the enclosed correspondence explains I might be forced to give up satellite reception of CBS and FOX. I have asked for a written waiver due to audio reception interference from a local radio station. ***I strongly oppose any limitation of my right to receive via satellite any network broadcast station.***

Sincerely,

Mary E. Visco

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Marc Stover
General Manager
WUPW - TV (FOX)
4 Seagate Suite 101
Toledo, Ohio 43604
(419)244-3600

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication I recently received from DIRECTV. The purpose of my letter to you is to request a written waiver. Apparently you are not familiar with the local situation in my neighborhood. I reside about one-quarter of a mile from WPOS radio. The signal which WPOS puts out, while obviously not interfering with TV video reception, does interfere with audio reception. The phone company has had to install special filters on our phone to keep the station programming from coming over the phone, *even when not in use*. Without expensive antennae filters that do not always work, it comes right through the TV speakers over the top of the station currently being viewed. Unless you buy a very expensive system you can forget about listening to the stereo. To view TV I am forced to subscribe to cable or purchase antennae filters and put up with frequent sound disruption. We have battled this problem since 1978 with the radio station and with the FCC with no success. We were told that filters were our only option.

If you choose not to issue a written waiver, for which I believe I qualify, I request that you respond to this communication in writing.

Additionally I feel strongly that the access rules for broadcast networks are unfair. I do not believe that my right to choose how I receive TV signals should be limited in any way. If I am forced to receive FOX over the air or by cable, I will make every effort not to patronize the commercial sponsors.

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MARY VISCO
7017 DUNN DR
HOLLAND, OH 43528-8550



DIRECTV® account number 2111148

Dear MARY VISCO:

To comply with a recent federal court order, we were required to review your eligibility to receive CBS and FOX network services via satellite. Based on the eligibility criteria we are required by the court to use, we regret to inform you that you are no longer eligible to receive CBS and FOX services from us. Unless the situation changes, we will be required by the court order to disconnect this service from your account, and will do so in about 30 days.

How your DIRECTV bill will change

Of course, when we disconnect services due to your ineligibility we will no longer charge you for them. The price for networks with an east and west coast feed is still only \$1.41 per month, and the price for networks with a single feed remains at \$1.20 per month. The way these services appear on your monthly DIRECTV bill may change slightly. Here's an example of how your bill would look if you now receive the PrimeTime 24 package and are no longer eligible for CBS or FOX services:

If your bill now shows:

Monthly
PrimeTime 24 \$6.67

Your future bills may show:

Monthly
PrimeTime 24 - ABC, NBC, PBS \$4.02

OR

Monthly
PrimeTime 24 - NBC \$1.41

Monthly
PrimeTime 24 - ABC \$1.41

Monthly
PrimeTime 24 - PBS \$1.20

You may also see a small credit on your bill as a result of the conversion.

If you paid in advance for a year of PrimeTime 24 services, we will convert your annual subscription to a monthly subscription. We will issue you a credit for the remainder of the term of your annual subscription, and will begin billing you each month for the PrimeTime 24 networks that you remain eligible to receive. If you prefer not to continue with any PrimeTime 24 services, call us and we will remove the remaining services from your monthly bill.

How to receive network services

Many of our customers can get local TV stations with a rooftop antenna. These are inexpensive and easy to find. An electronics retailer can explain what kind of antenna is best for you.

The local TV station or stations below are predicted to be available to you through the use of a conventional off-air antenna, according to estimates of TV reception in the United States that the court has required us to use. If you cannot receive one or more of these stations, and believe you should be eligible to receive that station's national network from DIRECTV, you may request a waiver by calling or writing the station.

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If you request a waiver in writing, send the TV station the following information:

1. Your name.
2. The street address where you receive DIRECTV service.
3. The reason you are asking for a waiver (for example, you cannot receive their signal).
4. Ask the TV station for a written response to your request for a waiver.
5. Send copies of any waivers you get to this address below. Please put your DIRECTV account number and phone number on the envelope and on your waiver.

DIRECTV Customer Service
Attn: Broadcast Network Waiver
P.O. Box 92600
Los Angeles, CA 90009

How to voice your opinion

If you feel the rules about access to broadcast networks are unfair, make your opinion known. You can call your representatives in Washington through the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Or look in the U.S. government pages of your local phone book for your U.S. Senators' and U.S. Representative's local phone numbers. You also can call the Federal Communications Commission at (888) CALL FCC—that's (888) 225-5322.

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